



PUBLIC COMMENT

BART Accessibility Task Force

January 26, 2023

Item 2

From: [Laura Danila](#)
To: [Elena Van Loo](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023 9:23:36 AM

Hello,

Please bring back the mask requirement on BART. I live with people who can't risk getting COVID, and without a mask requirement, it is less safe to use BART. Masking is an accessibility issue and studies show one-way masking is far less effective than universal masking.

Thank you,

Laura Danila
Milpitas Resident

From: [Elizabeth Zambelli](#)
To: [Elena Van Loo](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023 9:23:50 AM

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From: Elizabeth Zambelli <eszambelli@yahoo.com>
To: evanloo@bart.gov <evanloo@bart.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 09:20:41 AM PST
Subject: Accessibility on BART: bring back the masking requirement

Please bring back the mask requirement on BART immediately. I am immunocompromised, don't have a car, can't risk getting COVID, and I'm struggling without being able to use BART safely.

Masking is an accessibility issue, make no mistake about it. The mask requirement makes all the difference whether people like me can ride on BART. And multiple studies have shown that one-way masking is far less effective than universal masking.

This is not only an accessibility issue-- it's a social-justice issue and a disability-rights issue.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Zambelli
San Francisco

From: [Ramesh Sridharan](#)
To: [Elena Van Loo](#)
Subject: public comment
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023 10:11:51 AM

I'm writing to request that BART reinstate the mask requirement immediately. COVID-19 poses a serious risk to the immunocompromised and disabled members of our community, and we must support them by making public transit a safe place.

Many reliable studies have also shown that COVID-19 can have devastating long-term effects on people's health, and that one-way masking is insufficient to prevent spread.

Thank you,
Dr. Ramesh Sridharan
Lecturer, UC Berkeley